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AROUND CAMPUS



Meet and Greet with the Incoming President

The Saint Mary's Community is invited to a [meet and greet](#) with incoming President [James A. Donahue](#) and his spouse, Jane Purinton. The event will take place in the Soda Center on Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m., with brief remarks at 3:30 p.m. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

SMC Students Continue To Fight for Cal Grant Funding

Four SMC students traveled to Sacramento last week to support a bill authored by Assemblymember Susan Bonilla that would set up a more reliable funding formula for Cal Grants. Read the [story](#).



\$10,000 Donation to SEBA Honors 100-Year-Old Alumnus

In a ceremony last month, Chevron donated \$10,000 to the School of Economics and Business Administration in honor of the 100th birthday of alumnus Clay McElroy '34. [Learn more](#) about McElroy's life and the donation.

Student Vocalists Win Honors

Two Saint Mary's student vocalists earned 1st place honors at the National Association of Teachers of Singing Festival in San Jose on April 7. Placing 1st were Angelica Whaley in the Young Aria category and Timothy Hernandez in the Young Musical Theater category. Angelica also placed 2nd in the Young Musical Theater category.



Enactus Launches at Saint Mary's

The Saint Mary's chapter of Enactus was launched last week to help students gain entrepreneurial skills and apply them to projects that will transform lives and create a more sustainable world. Learn more about the launch [online](#) or come to an Enactus meeting on Mondays at 8 p.m. in Galileo 201.



Annual MARY Journal Published

The 2013 issue of *MARY: A Journal of New Writing*, published by the MFA Program in Creative Writing, is now available online. You'll find new work from a host of writers, a translation by Norma Cole and the nouveau section for emerging writers. Read the journal [online](#) and get all the details on how to submit for the next issue. Questions? Email mary@stmarys-ca.edu.

Library's Textbook Collection Helps Students Succeed

The library's new textbook collection, which includes required undergraduate texts for courses with multiple sections and a small selection of graduate textbooks, debuted this year and will grow thanks to Strategic Initiatives funding. All textbooks are available for two-hour checkout. [Learn more](#) about this new program and how to use it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date for Convocation

Mark your calendars for this year's annual [Convocation](#), which will honor our special guest, Brother Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría, superior general of the Christian Brothers. The event on Wednesday, April 24, at 12:45 p.m. in the Chapel is a shared mission event.

New Student Presentation Practice Room

Students can practice their presentations in a new Student Presentation Practice Room on the third floor of the library. Reserve the room today or learn more at a workshop on Wednesday from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in the third floor group study room. Contact [Margaret Brown-Salazar](#) with questions.

GaelFit Program Back on Campus

The SMC Kinesiology Club invites you to sign up for GaelFit, a confidential health fitness assessment program. Assessments will be going on until May 1 in the Human Performance Lab located in the warehouse. Sign up [here](#) or send an e-mail to [GaelFit](#).

**Eat Healthy - Buy Plants from SMC's Legacy Garden**

The Legacy Garden will host plant sales on April 17 and 23 in the Quad and April 22 on the Chapel Lawn from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during campus barbeques. Fourteen varieties of tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and basil started by Liberal & Civic Studies, Honors and Green Living/Learning Community students will be available. \$1 donation per plant suggested.

Staff Council Nominations Still Open

There is still time to make nominations for Staff Council. Any staff member who has been employed at the College for one year or more as of July 1, 2013, may be nominated. Please consider nominating someone or yourself. For more information, visit the Staff Council [online](#) or contact [Alle Porter](#), ext. 4840.

Dean Appointed to Advisory Council

Steve Woolpert, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, has been appointed to the advisory council of the [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education](#). The council consists of leaders committed to improving the learning experience of college and university students and to seeing sustainability modeled on campuses and in their communities.

Leadership Studies Programs Open Houses

The [Leadership Studies Programs](#) at Saint Mary's offer degree programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. See a listing of upcoming [open house events](#) for a chance to meet faculty, hear from a current student or graduate and learn how the programs can fit into your present life.

SMC AMA Board Member Positions Available

Want to become a board member of SMC's American Marketing Association? If you, or anyone you know, is interested in applying, send a resume by April 22 to [Danette Winkler](#) or [Erik Strand](#). Be involved in the practice, teaching and study of marketing worldwide.

**Register for Cultural Graduate Celebrations by Tuesday**

The Intercultural Center and the Office of Alumni & Volunteer Engagement are hosting four Cultural Graduate Celebrations. Registration and payment for each event is due by Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Learn more and register [online](#). Questions? Contact [Michelle Dimmett](#), ext. 8545.

Resident Director Applications Available

The Office of Residential Experience is accepting applications for the Resident Director position for the 2013-14 academic year. Interested candidates can view information and apply [online](#). Contact Director of Residential Experience [Alfred Day](#), ext. 8158.

EVENTS

CILSA Hosts Gardens for Health International of Rwanda

Meet inspiring leaders from [Gardens for Health International](#) of Rwanda who are working to end childhood malnutrition in entrepreneurial ways. The event is today from 4 to 5 p.m. in Galileo 201. Contact [Ryan M. Lamberton](#), ext. 4015, for more information.



See "Perfectly Imperfect" Student Play This Week

Student Nicole Gomes' script "Perfectly Imperfect" will be performed today and Tuesday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Soda Center. Watch a modern retelling of the Biblical story of Abraham & Isaac performed by the Quixotic Players. Free. Contact [Barry Horwitz](#) in Seminar Events with questions.

Learn about Financial Aid for Graduate School

Graduate and Professional Studies will host a workshop Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Claey's Lounge. Director of Financial Aid Priscilla Muha will share information about the types of financial aid and loan forgiveness programs available for graduate and professional students. All are welcome. Questions? Call ext. 4149.

Changing the World: Making Herstory

The Women's and Gender Studies department will screen the PBS documentary *MAKERS: Women Who Make America* tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge, followed by a panel discussion and a question-and-answer period. Contact [Molly Metherd](#) with questions.

Staff Council Hosts Talk on College Budget

Vice President for Finance Pete Michell will give a presentation at this month's Staff Council meeting on the 2013-14 College budget. To learn more, join the council on Tuesday at 12 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge. For more information, contact [Alle Porter](#), ext. 4840.

English Department Sabbatical Presentations

Join two English department professors on Tuesday for sabbatical presentations. Ben Xu will discuss his work on brainwashing and propaganda in education, and Kathryn Koo will present on her research on self-representation in personal narratives of the 18th century. The presentations are from noon to 1 p.m. in the Founders Dining Room.



Olowin to Discuss Latest Earthquake Research

Scientists estimate that a damaging earthquake will strike the Bay Area in the next 30 years, so there is no better time to hear about the likelihood of the 'big one' hitting close to home. Astrophysics Professor Ron Olowin will discuss "[What's Shakin': The Latest Earthquake Research](#)" and vital steps to earthquake safety on Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Lafayette Library

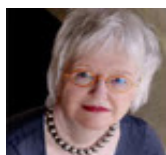
Community Hall. \$5 per person. Reserve a spot by calling (925) 283-6513, ext. 103, or by [e-mail](#).

Important GaelPerform Presentation for Staff

Staff: This year's performance review period, which begins May 6, signals the end of paper/pencil reviews. Learn about GaelPerform, the College's new online performance review system from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesday in the Soda Center. All staff are strongly encouraged to attend. And you may win one of 20 free BBQ lunches!

Take Back the Night

To mark Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Women's Resource Center is hosting Take Back the Night, an evening of speaking out against sexual assault and dating violence, on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge, with a march around campus and candlelight vigil. Questions? Contact [Gillian Cutshaw](#), ext. 4193.



MFA in Creative Writing Hosts Two Authors

Join the Creative Writing program for two events this Wednesday. At 7 p.m. in the Soda Center, author Susan Griffin will be presenting as part of the Creative Writing Reading Series. Before the talk, join Lou Berney for an Afternoon Craft Conversation on genre fiction at 2:15 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge. [Learn more](#) about these authors.

Presentations on India and Women in the Drug Trade

Professor Jyoti Bachani will lead an interactive presentation about her Fulbright experience in India, and Professor Maria Ruiz will discuss the mass media's representation of women in the drug trade industry during sabbatical presentations on Thursday beginning at 1 p.m. in the Founders Dining Room.

Brother Robert Smith Integral Program Event This Weekend

On Saturday, the Integral Program will host the Brother Robert Smith lecture, with a morning seminar, lunch and an afternoon lecture by former SMC tutor Denis Kelly on Rabelais.

Lunch is \$25, or free for students. Visit the Integral Program [website](#) for more information or [e-mail](#) it with questions.



6th Annual 5K Run/Walk 4 Hunger

Kick off De La Salle Week on Sunday at 10 a.m. at the 6th Annual 5K Run/Walk 4 Hunger: Raise your heart rate, raise awareness and raise support to end local and global poverty and hunger. [Learn more and register today.](#)



River of Words Awards Ceremony

The Center for Environmental Literacy invites you to attend the 18th Annual River of Words [Youth Creativity Awards Ceremony](#) on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the [Koret Auditorium](#) of the San Francisco Public Library. See youth from all over the country present their winning artwork and poems. [Read more](#) about this free event.

GO GAELS



Geyer Named to WCC All-Academic Team

SMC senior Ben Geyer has been named to the [West Coast Conference Men's Golf All-Academic Team](#) for the third straight year. The men's golf team opened play today at the [West Coast Conference Championships](#) as the defending champions.

Women's Tennis Ends Season with a Win

The women's tennis team wrapped up its regular season with a [win on Senior Day](#). The team finished the regular season 12-8, and 7-1 in West Coast Conference play. They're set to compete at the WCC Championships in San Diego beginning April 25.

LASALLIAN REFLECTION

Words to Live By

For the week of [April 15, 2013](#).

Religious Services

Mon.-Thur., 5:15 p.m. Mass

Tues., 4:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions

Wed., 12:10 p.m. Mass

Fri., 7 a.m. Mass

Sun., 11 a.m., 8 p.m. Mass

Sun, 9 a.m., St. Giles Episcopal Eucharist

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